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South Salt Creek is Construction Central

In the South Salt Creek Neighborhood, seeing construction equipment will soon be the norm rather than the exception. There are several infrastructure projects underway, almost underway, or being planned.

3rd & A Street Overpass

The 3rd and A Street Overpass project will remove most of the rail-vehicular-pedestrian conflicts that have long existed in the South Salt Creek neighborhood. The overpass will be open for traffic by the end of 2003 and landscaping of the surrounding area will occur in Spring 2004. "Old" A Street will remain as a local access road.

Working out the best way to insert an overpass structure into an established neighborhood was difficult and involved significant input from individual property owners, neighborhood groups, businesses, the railroad, and various governmental and review agencies.

Salt Creek Bridge at West "A" Street

The existing bridge at Salt Creek and West "A" Street will also be replaced. Construction was scheduled to begin March 2003 and be completed in November 2003.

The new bridge will be longer, have a wider roadway with a bike-way along the south side, and a pedestrian walkway along the north side. Additionally, the project will include a bike path under-crossing along the east bank of Salt Creek to provide a grade separated trail crossing at "A" Street. The bridge design was carefully coordinated with the overpass to achieve a design that minimizes impacts to the surrounding area, efficiently coordinates relocation of impacted utilities for both projects, provides for current and future improvements to the City's recreational trail system, and reduces overall project costs.

Salt Valley Relief Trunk Sewer

Olsson Associates is assisting the Lincoln Wastewater System with the study and design of approximately 10,000 feet of 60-inch relief pipe for the Salt Valley Trunk Sewer. Neighborhood residents along 4th Street between J and Rose Streets will be impacted most by construction of this project. Construction is scheduled to start this spring. The new sewer will improve the sanitation sewer services in southwest Lincoln when completed during the summer of 2004.

Pioneers Park Pumping Station and Water Mains

To improve water service for southwest Lincoln, Olsson Associates and Black & Veatch are assisting the Lincoln Water System with the addition of a new pumping station and water mains. The two water mains include a new transmission main and a new distribution main. Construction work will extend from the intersection of 16th and A Streets, go south to Garfield Street, west to 4th Street, south to Van Dorn Street and then west to Coddington Avenue. This project is also scheduled to start this spring and be completed during the summer of 2004.

When construction of the 3rd & A Overpass (left) is completed, this line of cars waiting for a train to pass (right) will be a thing of the past.



4th Street Corridor

The City's Urban Development Department has contracted with Olsson Associates to provide preliminary design for road work, bike path and landscaping along 4th Street between J and A Streets - after all the underground work is finished! This project has been discussed with the neighborhood and neighbors will have several chances to participate in the design process. Preliminary design has begun, with a preferred alternative to be selected by September 2003. Construction is tentatively set for 2005 and is being coordinated with the other South Salt Creek projects.



4th Street, formerly railroad right of way, will see even more "action" in the next few years.

Everyone Is Invited!

Aging Services and the Urban Development Department are hosting concurrent Open Houses on Friday, April 11th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The public is encouraged to stop by for light refreshments and a look at our new office locations. For more information, call 441-8206.

Aging Services

1001 O Street, Suite 101
(in the Lincoln Building)

Urban Development Department

808 P Street, Suite 400
(above Vincenzo's Restaurant)

IN PRODUCTION -- GRAND THEATER IN DOWNTOWN

Just as moviegoers anticipate the release of a much publicized movie, Lincolniters can now anticipate new movie screens in downtown Lincoln. After five years "in production," the Lincoln City Council approved a redevelopment agreement that will bring a new theater complex, the **Douglas Grand Theater**, to downtown. The "producers" are the City and Center Associates. Douglas Theaters, as the sister company of Center Associates, will take the leading role.

The **Douglas Grand Theater** will consist of 12-14 state-of-the-art movie screens and will occupy most of the block bounded by 11th, 12th, O, and P Streets. As an important "plot twist," the Continental Commons,

Marz Martini Bar and Sartor Hamann buildings will remain on the block. As "director," David Livingston, President of Douglas Theater Company, said, "The Douglas Theater Company will propose a flagship state-of-the-art entertainment center to rival any being built."

In a "supporting role," the City will use funds generated from the project -- tax increment financing or TIF -- and proceeds from the sale of the land to Center Associates to help assemble the site and for public improvements surrounding the site. Dallas McGee, Assistant Director of Urban Development, asserts, "No City general revenue or street construction funds will be allocated

to this project." And, if the "production" stays on schedule, Lincolniters will be enjoying the premier of the new **Douglas Grand Theater** in 2004.

This new theater complex will become part of an impressive list of projects that are transforming Downtown into a mixed use center and P Street/MarketPlace into Downtown's nighttime activity hub. Others include: Embassy Suites Hotel, Lincoln Children's Museum and Old Federal Place -- a mixed use residential and retail development in the former Old Federal Building at 10th & P Streets.

DOWNTOWN TECH FAIR IN APRIL

The Downtown Lincoln Association will sponsor the third annual Downtown Technology Fair on Thursday, April 24th from noon to 7 p.m.

The event kicks off with a luncheon at the UNL Student Union featuring Angelos Angelou, CEO of AngelouEconomics of Austin, Texas, as the keynote speaker. AngelouEconomics is currently assisting the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development in the creation of a local economic development strategic plan.

After the luncheon, activities will shift to downtown Lincoln in Gold's Galleria. Between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. these activities will include:

- Trade show featuring 35 vendors and showcasing technology, business, products and services,

- Student displays featuring over 30 UNL senior engineering student projects,
- Internet Café, J.D. Edwards, featuring products from The Coffee House,
- Financial Aide Seminar, a 6:00 p.m. presentation featuring sources to finance technology career training.

Additional activities include demonstrations of the UNL PrairieFire Super Computer in the Lincoln Square Building, 13th & O Streets, and an open house at the LPS Technology Focus High School at 13th & N Streets.

For more information on the Downtown Technology Fair, contact the Downtown Lincoln Association at 434-6900 or register online at:

WWW.DOWNTOWNLINCOLN.ORG

COMMUNITY VIEW GOES LIVE!

Neighborhoods, Inc. has donated a portion of their website as an online library of ordinances, codes, and enforcements for use by Lincoln residents and neighborhood leaders. This new section is called **Community View** and is dedicated to the discussion and solution of the hottest issues facing Lincoln's neighborhoods. By using it, Lincoln residents can learn more about the policies and procedures involved in solving common neighborhood problems, as well as talk with other neighborhood leaders.

Community View is online now, and available to Internet users. Online activities include: Policies & Procedures Database, Guest Speakers, Discussion Forum, Confi-

dential Email List, Community Calendar, Online Polls and Photo Album.

So far, there are 37 topics on local ordinances and policies with many more set to be included in the future. The discussion forums, community calendar, and photo album are all ready for input from Lincoln residents. Be sure to check out the monthly guest speakers and online polls. Be sure to join in and have your questions and concerns addressed by local officials.

Visit Neighborhoods, Inc.'s website and Community View at:

WWW.NEIGHBORHOODSINC.ORG.

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WELL-TIMED WORDS

PRIDE Rises

Hope floats and PRIDE rises. The PRIDE Program limit has been raised from \$500 to \$600, beginning this year.

PRIDE (Promote Residential Improvement, Design & Enhancement) is a reimbursement grant for materials (no labor costs) for approved exterior improvements. Painting is the main focus, but other allowed improvements include porch repair, window repair or replacement, roofs, and gutters.

Projects must be pre-approved after Urban Development has received your application and visited your property. Both owner-occupied and tenant-occupied properties are eligible for PRIDE assistance.

The program is only available in these neighborhoods: Clinton, Downtown, Everett, Hartley, Havelock, Hawley/Malone, Near South, North Bottoms, South Salt Creek, University Place and Woods Park. PRIDE funds go quickly, so call Sandy at 441-5668 to apply or get more information.

PRIDE Income Guidelines

<i>Number in Household</i>	<i>Maximum Gross Income</i>
1 person	\$35,050
2 persons	\$40,050
3 persons	\$45,050
4 persons	\$50,100
5 persons	\$54,100
6 persons	\$58,100
7 persons	\$62,100
8 persons	\$66,100

Funds Already Committed

All CDBG funds earmarked for economic development for the current fiscal year have been committed. Any new economic development projects requiring CDBG funds will be delayed until September 2003. To date, \$500,000 in Job Creation funds, \$150,000 in Neighborhood Retail and Service Business Assistance, and \$247,000 in Façade Improvement funds have been committed to seven projects.

Businesses being assisted include: Acton International, Universal Cold Storage, and Lincoln Centre Clinic. Façade Improvements have been financed at the following locations: Parrish Building (1400 O St.), Orloff Building (920 O St.), Walker Tire (830 M St.), and the former Du Teau Chevrolet Building (1800 O St.).



Quick Nick's Snappy Lube, a project that received Façade Improvement funds, recently won a Community Improvement Award. The use of brick, decorative antique gas pumps and lighting are a tip of the hat to the nearby Historic Haymarket District.

Election of Officers

The Greater Lincoln Workforce Investment Board held an election of officers at their annual meeting in early March. Jim Linderholm, President of HWS Consulting Group, Inc., was re-elected as Chairperson. Also re-elected were Tammie Burns of Duncan Aviation, as Vice-Chairperson, and Carol Swigart of Hillaero Modification Center, as Secretary. All of these individuals have been on the Board since its inception in 1999.

Affordable Housing Needs Analysis

The Urban Development Department is conducting an *Affordable Housing Needs Analysis* for the City of Lincoln. It will be used as background information for future plans and contain information on:

- population characteristics using the 2000 Census and other sources,
- an analysis of the supply and demand for housing by housing type and cost,
- a listing of available financial resources and
- an analysis of current housing policy.

There are four stakeholder committees taking part in the *Affordable Housing Needs Analysis*, covering these concerns:

- Homeownership Professionals
- Rental Housing Professionals
- Equal Access to Affordable Housing
- Neighborhood Housing Issues.

The public is welcome to attend stakeholder meetings. For meeting times and locations, check the calendar on the City home page or at:

WWW.CI.LINCOLN.NE.US/CITY/URBAN/AHNAINDEX.HTM

Meeting agendas and minutes will also be available at the latter site. If you would like more information, if you do not have access to the internet, or if you would like to become a member of one of the committees, please contact Hallie Salem, 441-5543.

WORKNET at One Stop

WORKNET is a new partner at the One Stop Career Center, but who or what is it?

WORKNET is a federally funded program designed to help business and government find qualified disabled job applicants. It's based on the idea that matching employers and potential employees is done most effectively through the joint effort of rehabilitation agencies and private enterprise. Through WORKNET the skills of job-ready individuals with disabilities are matched with the hiring needs of local employers at "no cost."

How does it work? Very well! WORKNET receives job openings from area businesses and job applicants through marketing and community agencies. Qualified individuals are referred to potential employers by phone and/or resume, or in a way preferred by the employer. There is no fee either to the business or the individual applicant.

Since 1983, WORKNET has helped over 4,000 individuals with disabilities find competitive employment. Some of the services available are: job seeking skills, preparation of resumes and cover letters, appropriate job leads, assistance with job applications, ongoing supportive counseling, and follow-up for 90 days after the individual is hired.

To find out if you qualify or for more information, contact WORKNET at 489-0111 for an appointment.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

QUARTERLY QUOTE

"I couldn't be happier with our new location. We can stay downtown and occupy another wonderful historical building in Downtown Lincoln."

*June Remington, Director of Aging Services
about their new location at 1001 O Street,
Suite 101 (in the Lincoln Building)*

ANTELOPE VALLEY: CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Drive by Antelope Creek, west of the Devaney Center, and you'll see the start of something big -- construction of Phase I of the Antelope Valley Project. In this phase, the channel of Antelope Creek will be widened, deepened, and adjusted from Salt Creek on the north to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe tracks on the south, near the UN-L city campus. This part of the new channel is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

This fall, construction of three Antelope Valley Project bridges will begin:

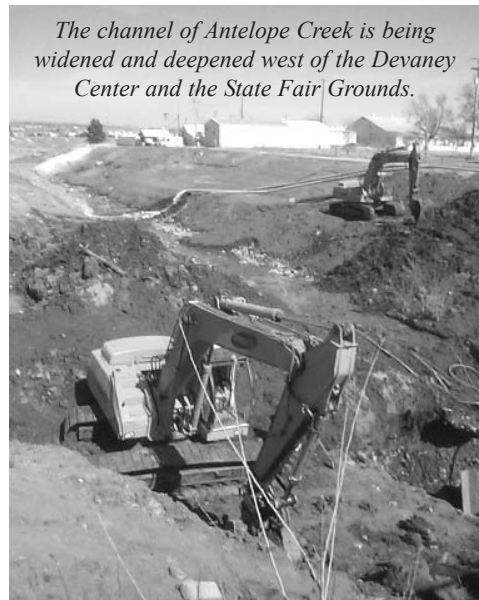
- 14th & Military, near the State Fair Grounds,
- 17th & Y, just north of Abel Residence Hall on the UN-L city campus, and
- 20th & Vine, near the Beadle Center.

The bridges will be built on dry ground with the new channel excavated under them after completion. This will allow the streets to remain open to traffic. Road work in the same areas will also begin this fall.

When the whole project is complete, 1,300 structures will no longer be in the flood plain, a new roadway will define the eastern edge of the UNL city campus, and adjacent neighborhoods and downtown areas will be revitalized. To do all of this, private properties will need to be acquired. Relocation assistance will be provided for these households and businesses, and some buildings themselves will be relocated.

Think of Antelope Valley as a very large, slow, urban sculpture that we will watch for the next 10 - 15 years as it takes shape.

The channel of Antelope Creek is being widened and deepened west of the Devaney Center and the State Fair Grounds.



THE PRIMARY MISSION OF THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS THE REVITALIZATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME COMMUNITIES AS PRODUCTIVE AND VIGOROUS PARTS OF THE CITY AS A WHOLE.